

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 7-10, 13, 14, 16-19, 21, 29-35, 38, and 39 and rejected claims 23-26. The Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter. By the present Response, claims 23-26 are amended. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1, 7-10, 13, 14, 16-19, 21, 23-26, 29-35, 38, and 39 will be pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101**

The Examiner rejected claims 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. By the present amendment, Applicants have amended claims 23-26 to incorporate language that the Examiner indicated would be directed to statutory subject matter. Applicants note that the present amendment is not narrowing in nature and merely reflects a reformulation or reordering of the previously recited language.

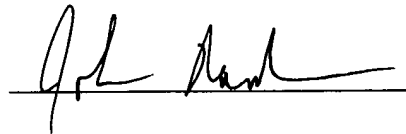
In view of this amendment, claims 23-26 are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the recitations of claims 23-26 are still problematic, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below to discuss any additional or alternative language which may be satisfactory.

**Conclusion**

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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